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TO: **Health Care Provider – ARKids First-B, Hearing Services (Audiologists), Child Health Services (EPSDT), Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Nurse Practitioner, Physician and Rural Health Clinic (RHC)**

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SUBJECT: Primary Care Physician Administration of Medical and Hearing Screens

Effective for claims received on or after April 1, 2002, primary care physicians (PCP) must provide all Child Health Services (EPSDT) and ARKids First-B preventive health medical and hearing screens. Medicaid and ARKids First-B procedure codes in the Nurse Practitioner Provider Manual are non-payable effective April 1, 2002.

Currently, PCP administration or referral for a screen is required in twenty-five counties. Effective for claims received on or after April 1, 2002, this requirement is changed to state that the PCP must actually provide the screen and the rule is expanded to include all Arkansas Medicaid recipients under age 21 who receive EPSDT or ARKids First-B preventive health medical or hearing screens.

This change does not affect the newborn screen for Medicaid or ARKids First-B eligible children. The newborn screen does not require PCP involvement.

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Thank you for your participation in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

Ray Hanley, Director

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